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## PADEREWSKI'S FIRST LESSONS WERE FROM THE VILLAGE FIDDLER

Paderewski, who is making his tenth tour of America, was 13 years old before he received any real musical instruction. His father was a farmer in Russian Poland who spent more time in inciting the great revolution in the early 60s than in attending to his farm and in consequence was exiled to Siberia when the great pianist was three years old.

Paderewski's first teacher was the village fiddler, who knew little about the violin and much less about the piano, but inspired in his pupil undying love for the beautiful folk-songs of Poland. These Paderewski has often used in his compositions in later years.

A little later an old teacher of the piano who lived in a distant town was engaged to come to Paderewski's home once a month to give lessons to Paderewski and his sister. These lessons enabled the two children to learn how to play a number of simple airs and operatic arrangements but it was several years before the great pianist was to receive systematic tuition. When he was seven years old he wrote a set of Polish dances but he published none of his compositions until he was 22.

At 12, he was taken to Warsaw where he received his first real lessons in music. His teacher of the piano being Józefina and teacher of harmony, Roguski. But those years were rich in other ways. He had opportunities to hear good music and with access to the Conservatory Library he became familiar with the works of all the classical and romantic composers. Then came an interval of six years when he did nothing with the piano beyond what was necessary for teaching and composing.

Paderewski's last concert of the season will be May 2 at the Park theatre in this city and the proceeds will go to aid the suffering people of Poland.

## Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The opening supper in connection with the Find Yourself campaign, was held last evening at the Y. M. C. A. Boys' department. A group of 10 boys and about 14 helpers partook of a splendid supper that was served by Mrs. L. T. Warner and friends. After supper that was served by Mrs. L. T. Warner and friends. After supper remarks were listened to from Weymour Tracy, Harris L. O'Brien, J. Edw. Elliott, F. L. Modell, J. D. Brock, Rev. J. MacLaren, Richardson and ex-Mayor Buckingham. A talk was also given by Secretary Lindley of the Newark Boys' department, who accompanied C. C. Robinson of New York to see how the campaign was to be conducted. The principal speaker of the evening was Mr. Robinson, the employed boy specialist, who is conducting this campaign. He spoke of the results that had been accomplished in other large cities where this has been tried and he believed that there was no city at the present time that needed such a campaign so much as Bridgeport.

After the speeches, questionnaires were given out to the boys. Then the boys divided up into three groups under the leaders, McClellan, Kirschner, Main and Sprague. They met with the boys for the purpose of helping them fill out their blanks. One week will be given for the boys to go through carefully the analysis blanks. Next Monday evening will be the closing supper at which will be gathered all the men who are going to interview the boys and every boy will have an opportunity of interviewing the man who can help and advise him.

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## TEACHERS' CLUB TO MEET

Wallington, Conn., April 18—An important meeting was made today of the fourth annual luncheon of the Connecticut Teachers' College Club to be held at the Connecticut College for Women, New London, on Saturday, April 29, at 12:30 noon. Dr. Fred Sykes, president of the college, will be the principal speaker. Election of officers of the club also will take place then. The present officers are Mrs. F. M. Regan, New Britain, state normal school, president; Miss Florence Pardee, New Haven, vice-president; Mrs. D. Frederick Allen, Wallington, secretary-treasurer.

## OBITUARY

## WILLIAM HORACE KNABLEN.

The funeral of William Horace, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Knablen, was held from their home on Scofield avenue, Black Rock, yesterday afternoon. Rev. Paul E. Clemon of St. Paul's German Lutheran church, conducted the services. Burial was in Mountain Grove cemetery.

## ERNEST LITZEL.

The funeral of Ernest Litzel was held from his home, 1224 State street, and from the Holy Rosary church yesterday morning. Thirty of the Columbus Boys' club, an old organization whose members are now men, attended the services. Emil Napolitano and Peter Selva spoke at the grave. Four members of the club acted as bearers. Burial was in St. Michael's cemetery.

## WEATHER FORECAST

New Haven, April 19—Forecast: Fair tonight, followed by increasing cloudiness. Thursday slightly warmer.

Connecticut: Fair tonight followed by increasing cloudiness. Thursday, rising temperatures. Fresh west winds, diminishing. The storm over Maine yesterday increased in intensity as it continued to move eastward and caused strong to high winds on the New England coast. The western depression is now central over eastern Nebraska with barometric indications decidedly lower than yesterday's. Between the two low pressure areas noted is a ridge of high pressure extending from the lake region to the south Atlantic coast. Temperatures are higher in the Mississippi and lower Missouri valleys; otherwise they are not much changed. Light rains have occurred in most of the northern districts.

## ALMANAC FOR TODAY

Sun rises ..... 5:07 a. m.  
Sun sets ..... 6:37 p. m.  
High water ..... 11:37 a. m.  
Moon rises ..... 6:56 p. m.  
Low water ..... 5:27 p. m.

Fire destroyed the ancient cathedral at Andria, near Bari, Italy.

## SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL MINSTRELS AND DANCE

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## MIDNIGHT WATCH AT PANAMA CANAL WORKS UNDER LIGHT AS BRIGHT AS THE GAY WHITE WAY

Writer in "Canal Record" Describes Work of the Dredging Fleet — Thousands and Lights of the Barges Give Appearance of a City Street When the Electric Signs Are Gleaming — Great Blocks of Rock the Spoil of Engineer and Craneman.

Some unknown Richard Harding Davis writes a bit of the rare color of the battle of men and dredges with the Culebra slide in the current Canal Record, here to-day, a journal devoted to the dredging of the canal. The writer tells us that the dredging fleet is that of the dredges on the slides of Culebra. The Canal Record preserves the anonymity of the author, but one feels that there is more in the canal work for this man than in his engineering pay and civil service ratings on the lists. He writes in part:

"The Graveyard Watch, as the men of the dredging fleet call it, begins at midnight and ends at eight o'clock in the morning.

"Shortly before midnight the watch-boat Chame leaves the landing at Paraiso, with sleepy men lying about the decks, and makes for the Cut at Culebra, where dredges are digging away the slides. It is very dark, although the stars are bright with dry-season brilliancy; and it is so chilly that one questions the 72 degrees Fahrenheit, shown by the thermometer. The men crowd around the funnel or crouch behind the cabin house to hide from the draught. As the ship makes the turn between Paraiso and Culebra the thousand lights of the dredging fleet come into sight, brilliant in the shadows of the enclosing hills, giving the appearance of a city street when electric signs are lighted. No time is lost in changing the watch. The Chame steams down to the dumping ground in Gatun Lake, relieves a tug crew wherever it finds a tug, and delivers its cargo of tired men at Paraiso about two o'clock in the morning.

Scraping the Bottom.

"The break in continuity of work is scarcely perceptible. Hardly has the watchboat cast off before the new crew on the dipper dredge has begun to lift great dipperfuls of rock and earth from the bottom of the channel, 40 feet below the surface. On the ladder dredges, the groaning of the buckets crunching over the rocks, and the shaft does not stop at all, while the new crew steps into the place of the old. So on all the vessels—the suction-dredge operator speaks a few words to the man at the controls, and his crew falls into place, while the old crew scrambles over the coamings of the watchboat; the drill barge ceases hammering for a minute only; and the watchboat leaves the dredge, and the watchboat to the tugs, and apparently automatically begin where the other captains left off.

"Eighty-four vessels are engaged in the dredging work. Most of these are working along the west bank in a space about 2,000 feet long, for this is the part of the slide on which action has been centered for the present. Mud, soft rock and hard rock, are dug according as the dredges work on the surface, or lower down. Up against the bank all classes of digging are encountered.

"The Cascades brought up one dipper of clay, another of mixed clay and rock, and a third—on the third it staggered. The engineer dropped the dipper again and brought the stick up several feet, almost vertically, then the crane-man forced the dipper forward; the whole vessel shook, the engines ran, slow; the spuds gave from the vertical; but the stick rose steadily on and on, and the dipper emerged from the water it held in its teeth a rock that would have blocked a highway; the boom swung it around above the barge, and the engineer and crane-man working together tilted it off. The supervisor said:

"Probably weighs twenty-five tons, and they brought it up from 40 feet below the surface."

The Veteran of the Fleet. "The veteran of the fleet, an old French ladder dredge that began service thirty years ago, is working on the east side of Cucuracha.

"The big ladder dredge Corozal is working on the east bank, opposite the French ladder. It is a much less capacity than the large dipper dredges, not able to handle large rock it is, nevertheless, the most relentless type of digging machine in the Cut. Its endless chain of chains and one-quarter yard buckets travels over the immense tumbler hour after hour, scraping the bottom of the canal forced into the earth and rock by the weight of the vessel. From the bridge fifty feet above the water the master watches the buckets as they come up loaded with whatever the bottom yields, and thus judges the placing of the dredge that it may work to best advantage.

"In and out among these diggers, all night long, goes the supervisor, directing the work. At Paraiso the resident engineer and the superintendent of dredging are asleep with a telephone beside their beds. At field offices on the bank at either end of the slide section a log is kept of the work. When anything demanding their presence occurs, the chiefs at Paraiso are called and in a few minutes a launch delivers them alongside.

"From the bridge of the Corozal could be seen an 1,800-ton barge loaded to the coamings with rock and earth, moving slowly away from one of the dipper dredges without apparent cause for motion. It swung slowly into the stream and pointed lakeward. As it passed the Corozal, the tug became visible—the De Lesseps, a boat only seventy feet long and fifteen feet third of the length and width of the large; yet it handled this load of about 4,000 tons as easily as the dipper dredges pick up a 20-ton rock.

"Each barge brought back from the dumps is warped alongside the bank at the station, and there is inspected carefully to see that the doors of the hoppers are closed, the hinges and

"U" bolts are not broken, and that the heavy load just dumped has not broken the sheathing or otherwise injured the hull. The doors, the big barges are below the water line and the inspection is therefore made by 'head-divers,' so-called, although they seldom need to put their heads below the surface of the muddy water. They climb down into the hoppers and feel around the hinges and door jams with their toes. Frequently a rock catches between the door and the jam, making it impossible to close the doors tight. In such case a line from shore is attached to the door and a pull by one of the winches opens it enough to let the rock fall out. Actual repairs are not frequent, although they also come often enough to make necessary the maintenance of the repair shop. Recently a gang of naked divers remained in the water eight hours making repairs to a hinge.

"One of the larger tugs, the Taver-nilla, brought two empty barges alongside at the station; the supervisor, megaphone at lips, directed: 'Big one and a Moravia ahead.' The Moravia shot off from its empty tow at 4:15 a. m., turned its nose towards the lake, and with a few turns of its screw dropped alongside the 'big one,' a 1,000-ton barge, the Taver-nilla, and took to ten feet above the bulkheads. On the bridge turning the wheel, playing the searchlight, signalling the engineroom, shouting orders to the bargemen, stood the captain, his own master, mate and labor foreman. The bargemen are West Indians, willing and obedient but 'not too bright.' They grabbed a line and ran with it to the wrong stanchion, where the captain spoke in the language of a seaman and they hauled it to the proper post. Then they grabbed another line and gave it three times around a 'nigger head,' leaving one bare slack.

A Man's Job. "Again the captain spoke from the bridge, but the men misunderstood. Then the captain became a third mate. He ran down from the bridge, jumped upon the barge, and becoming a sea-man, he gave the bargemen orders to make fast, expostulating meanwhile in deep-sea manner. Incredibly quick he was back again upon the bridge. The second barge was made fast in like manner, and eight minutes after she had cast off from her empty tow, the Taver-nilla was steaming down the canal towards the dumps. Under any circumstances the captain's is a man's job. The captain is not only, without violating the rules forbidding profanity in discourse with subordinates, is especially difficult. "A smell of codfish from the galley was followed by the captain's order. The captain and the engineroom met in the cabin and there sat down to eat as good a meal of soup, fish, steak, chops, potatoes, peas, tinned peaches, and other delicacies as could be had. The captain and the engineroom could ask for a chilly night in the middle of Gatun Lake. Aft, the crew also was at its supper.

"Shortly after this the lights marking the dump at Paraiso were picked up. Presently the calling of orders from the bridge was resumed, the men leaped upon the barges and the rattle of chains followed, as the doors of the hoppers were opened and the load of earth and rock was allowed to drop through the bottom to the bed of the lake.

"Four hours after the Taver-nilla left with her tow she was back again at the barge station, leaving the empty barges and picking up two loaded ones. "Twenty-four hours a day this routine continues; seven days in the week, only stopping for Christmas and July 4; from eight in the morning until four in the afternoon, from four in the afternoon until midnight, and from midnight until 8 a. m. This last trick of duty is not liked by the men; therefore they call it the 'graveyard watch.'"

## ROYAL ARCANUM CONVENES.

New Haven, April 18—With practically all of the councils in the state represented, the 30th annual session of the Grand Council of Connecticut, Royal Arcanum, was held here today with Horace G. Williams, of East Hartford, grand regent, presiding. Reports of the year's work were presented and later in the day officers elected.

## To Remove Dandruff

Get a 25-cent bottle of Danderine at any drug store, pour a little into your hand and rub well into the scalp with the finger tips. Do this every morning, if not all, of this awful scalp dandruff will have disappeared. Two or three applications will destroy every bit of dandruff; stop scalp itching and falling hair.—Adv.

## YOUR SICK CHILD IS CONSTIPATED! LOOK AT TONGUE

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## LONE PIRATE WHO CAPTURED CREW MAILED FOR LIFE

Clarence Hodson, Confessed Plotter, Confined in Atlanta Prison.

Wilmington, Del., April 19—Clarence Reginald Hodson, alias Ernest Schiller, who, single handed, seized the British freight ship Matoppe on March 29, after holding the crew of 56 men at bay, was sentenced to life imprisonment by Judge Edward G. Bradford in the Federal District Court late yesterday afternoon, and was taken to the Federal prison at Atlanta. Schiller, who pleaded guilty, received his sentence in a cool and collected manner. In fact, he appeared to be relieved, for his one fear seemed to be that he would be turned over to the British authorities. Before boarding the train for Atlanta he said:

"I want my friends to know there was no motive of robbery when I captured the steamship. I was for the cause of Germany and in revenge against England. I wanted to show them up. I could prove through my friends in New York that it was my aim to blow up the ship, but nobody helped me because they were dubious of me and my plan. I think they may have believed I was an English spy.

"So giving up hope of receiving aid, I took the work on my own shoulders and spent my last cent doing so. I also want to say that I have been well treated in America. I am highly satisfied that I am not being sent back to England.

"I also want it understood in the strict sense that I am no pirate. A pirate is a kind of bandit who would not stop at murder. The main reason why my plan to sink the Matoppe failed was because I did not want to kill anybody. When I first took charge of the ship it was so rough that it would have been murder to have made the crew get out in small boats, as I had at first intended them to do.

"After the roughness Capt. Bergner could have taken charge of the ship if he had had his wits about him. I was in a pitiable condition and hardly knew what to do. I felt that the plan had failed and so I tried to get back to the United States, thinking I could tell friends in New York what I had done."

## TREZBOND FALLS BEFORE ATTACKS OF CZAR'S FORCES

Paris, April 19—Paris received with enthusiasm today the news of the fall of Trezbond. This event was looked for but it was not thought the Russians would be able to capture the city so quickly. The political as well as the military consequences are expected to be most important. Particularly in view of the fact that Turkey has one of the most valuable parts of Asia Minor at a time when, according to reports reaching Paris, Germany is weakening her forces in the Balkans to carry on attacks on the western front.

French military writers state that the plan of campaign of Grand Duke Nicholas, the Russian commander, was a daring one, which at first was looked upon as foolhardy but now is fully justified. The Grand Duke decided to advance boldly to the attack on this front, where maneuvers of warfare were possible while the other fronts were still held in deadlock.

## WAR BOOSTS VALUE OF STRUCTURAL STEEL

The plant of the Berlin Iron Bridge Co. at East Berlin, once one of the most important factories in Connecticut, will be torn down this summer and its materials used in what used to be the chief activity of the company, bridge building. The plant has been idle for several years, but the structural steel of which the framework of the building is made has become so valuable since the start of the European war that it has been found worth while to tear down the buildings and use the steel work for other purposes, rather than to let the buildings stand in anticipation of some future use.

The property is owned by the United States Steel corporation.

## OFFICER OF EMDEN ESCAPES FROM MALTA

Syracuse, Sicily, April 19—Lieutenant Fikentscher, of the famous German raider Emden, which was destroyed by the Australian cruiser Sydney at Cocos Islands in 1914, after performing many daring exploits, has made his escape from Malta, whither he had been taken as a prisoner by the British. The lieutenant is now a prisoner here. "I will commit suicide rather than return to the hands of the British," the lieutenant said. He maintains that as Germany is not at war with Italy, the Italian authorities cannot surrender him to the British.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

April brings many surprises in its showers besides rain. Last evening a very delightful one was given for Miss Mary McCullough, who was the honor guest of the Misses Christine and Catherine Brennan of 190 Capital avenue. The bride elect was presented with many useful kitchen gifts. Decorations were pink and white. The centerpiece was a large bouquet of sweet peas. Miss McCullough, who will be a June bride, is the daughter of Policeman Simon H. McCullough. The guests were Miss Mary McCullough, Miss Helen Payne, Miss Christine Brennan, Miss Margaret McCullough, Mrs. L. Kost, Miss Catherine Brennan and Mrs. H. Luck.

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